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Dear Dick,

The retyping of the ms has been going slowly because I've not been able to get help who can work. Two women in parts of two days have not completed the first chapter.

Of these one can work parts of two days when I'm home. She is in school the afternoons of those days. So, she can't work this week because I can't be here.

However, a friend who works with my wife is not working two days a week now. So, she can be here when I'm not and she'll put in two days this week. Until her office work picks up she'll be able to help.

Once tax season is over my wife, who is superb at it, can get into it. However, I fear she'll be exhausted. Or, I'd like her to rest a bit first. There will be more for her to do then anyway.

So, let us make a few plans now. I have to be in New York for the Hunter speech and to get together with Dell. The speech is for the 21st. Why don't I come up again on the Sunday of that week, the 18th (my wife's birthday get!)? Maybe you won't have a Norman problem then and I can get together with the reporters with whom I work and who work weekdays and I'll bring a carbon of what has been retyped. If I can get together with both of them on Sunday I'll be free except for being at Dell and making the speech. It would be good to be able to return from the speech and get back to writing which has been interrupted by the need to read and correct the rough. I've four chapters ready for retyping now.

Beginning tomorrow morning I'm to go over FBI files that are relevant. I've asked Besar to ask the Civil Rights Division to have their files ready for examination this week so I can stay with him, go over them, and be prepared to respond to the judge at Friday's calendar call.

Or, while I expect stonewalling, by the end of the week I'll have a better idea of whether I'll be getting more new data.

You said that rather than making any proposals you'd rather deliver a completed ms. How about an editor? Jill? She seems to have had at least some contact with spooking, which could be an asset. Ann Weingarten was lost.

Best,